(b) The details are given in the Press Note No. 1(1986 Series), dated 15th January 1986 copies of which have been supplied to Parliament Library.

Joint Telephone Corporation for Delhi and Bombay

662. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA.
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has since been taken to set up a Joint Telephone Corporation for Delhi and Bombay; if so, by when and what are the outlines, operational, financial and administrative of the proposed Corporation;

(b) the reasons for setting up a Joint Corporation for both these metropolitan cities instead of separate ones; and

(c) to what extent this would improve the existing telecommunication services in these two cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

This Corporation will develop, maintain and operate telephone, telex and other telecommunication services excluding Public telegraph service within the Union Territory of Delhi and in the areas covered by three Municipal Corporations, of Bombay namely Bombay Municipal Corporation, New Bombay Corporation and Thane Municipal Corporation. The authorised share capital of this corporation will be Rs. 800 crores. This Corporation will be under the administrative control of Telecommunication Board and will have a Board of Directors consisting of not less than 8 and not more than 12 Directors, some of whom could be part time.

(b) Joint Corporation for both Metropolitan cities has been created from the point of view of flexibility in management and to have a sufficiently large pool of trained technical personnel for ease of operations.

(c) The existing telecommunications services in these two cities are expected to improve with the formation of the Corporation, due to the greater autonomy in a corporate set up compared to a Government department.

ऊर्जा उपकरणों की मरम्मत के लिये वर्कशाप

663. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **ऊर्जा** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ऊर्जा उपकरणों की मरम्मत के लिए सोवियत संघ की सहायता से वाराणसी और नागपुर में बड़ी वर्कशापों की स्थापना की जाएगी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है और इन दोनों स्थानों पर इन वर्कशापों के कब तक चालू हो जाने की संभावना है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री वसन्त साठे) : (क) और (ख) वाराणसी और नागपुर में दो भारी उपस्कर मरम्मत वर्कशाप स्थापित की जा रही है ताकि विद्युत उपस्कर की भारी मरम्मत और वृहत ओवर हाल की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जा सकें। ये वर्कशाप उपर्युक्त प्रयोजन के लिए अपेक्षित जटिल एवं परिष्कृत अतिरिक्त पुर्जों का निर्माण संबंधी कार्य भी हाथ में लेगा। वाराणसी के वर्कशाप को 1986–87 में चालू किए जाने की आशा है और नागपुर के वर्कशाप को 1987–88 के दौरान चालू किए जाने की आशा है। वाराणसी की वर्कशाप के लिए तैयार की गई व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट

पर सोवियत विशेषज्ञों की सलाह मांगी गई थी। नागपुर की वर्कशाप को सोवियत तकनीकी सहायता से स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Auto Expo '86

664. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's first ever automotive exhibition, Auto-Expo '86 was held at Pragati Maidan in January this year;

(b) what were the main objectives of the exhibition; and

(c) whether any export orders for Indian automobiles were booked at the exhibition; if so, the extent of orders booked for each automobile?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To commemorate their Silver Jubilee, Auto-Expo '86 was organised jointly by the Association of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (AIAM) and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA), in association with Association of Indian Engineering Industry (AIEI), primarily as an exposition of the technological capability of the Indian automobile industry.

(c) No, Sir.

R & D cess for each industry

665. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of imposing an R and D cess on each industry and creating a pooled R and D fund for each industry in view of the continued neglect of the research and development needs on the part of the industry resulting in low production and high cost of production;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have also considered the desirability of effectively avoiding repetitive imports of the same technology by different manufacturers; if so, the decision taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Provision already exists in the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 on imposition of cess on scheduled industries in certain cases and the manner of its utilisation, in regard to promotion of scientific and industrial research on such industries.

(c) While allowing import of technology for production of a particular item, adequate precaution is taken to ensure that exactly similar technology has not been imported earlier.